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WINTEX 75

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FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS JAN. 20 - ATTN: COL. WITKO

1. RE GUIDANCE ON ACCEPTABILITY OF MARCH 7 FOR ACTIVE
DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC) PARTICIPATION IN
WINTEX 75, IT IS DEEMED IMPRACTICAL AT THIS LATE DATE
TO MAKE THE TYPE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO WINTEX 75
EXERCISE PLANS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ASSURE
MEANINGFUL DPC PARTICIPATION IN AN EARLY PORTION OF
THE EXERCISE -- LEADING UP TO DECLARATION OF GENERAL
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ALERT.

2. ON MAY 20, 1974, WE CONCURRED WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT THE DPC ACTIVELY PLAY FROM X PLUS 4 (SUN, MAR 9, 1975) UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE DPC CONSIDERATION OF THE INITIAL SELECTIVE RELEASE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR TACTICAL USE WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE X PLUS 5 (MON, MAR 10, 1975). THIS PROPOSED DPC PARTICIPATION OF MARCH 9-10, 1975 IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE US CONCURRENTLY CONDUCTED EXERCISE -- PRIME RATE 75. THE

PROPOSED DPC PARTICIPATION OF MARCH 7 WILL NOT REPEAT NOT OFFER A GREAT DEAL OF INTERCHANGE EXERCISE PLAY BETWEEN THE DPC AND US. IT MUST ALSO BE POINTED OUT THAT ACTIVE PLAY OF WINTEX 75 IS NOW LESS THAN 45 DAYS AWAY AND A GREAT DEAL OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF THE WINTEX 75 PLAY HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED IN ANTICIPATION THAT DPC PARTICIPATION ON MARCH 9-10 BE APPROVED.

3. HOWEVER, IF IT IS NECESSARY TO REACH A COMPROMISE SOLUTION, WASHINGTON RECOMMENDS (1) DPC PLAY ON MARCH 7 AND 8, OR (2) NO DPC PLAY AND THE IS/IMS RESPONSE CELL PLAY SIMULATED DPC ACTIONS DURING THE ENTIRE ACTIVE PHASE OF WINTEX 75, ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER LATTER AN EXTREME STEP.

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